(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Development of Paradeep Port

809 SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is delay in executing the proposal for developing the Paradeep Port in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) Thirteen development schemes are in progress. There are no delays in the execution of the schemes. A number of major development schemes have been proposed for inclusion in the 8th Five Year Plan which has not been finalised

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अंतर्गत चल रही प्राइवेट बसों के संघ की ओर से हड़ताल की धमकी

810. **श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटील :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अंतर्गत चल रही प्राइवेट बसों के संघ ने मासिक पासों पर अधिक धन की मांग करते हुए हड़ताल करने की धमकी दी है और क्या यह भी सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम प्राइवेट बस प्रचालकों को पूरा भुगतान नहीं कर रहा है और इस प्रकार वह पहले किए गए समझौते का उल्लंघन कर रहा है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो हड़ताल द्वारा उत्पन्न होने वाली स्थिति से निपटने के लिए तथा प्राइवेट बस मालिकों को प्रतिदिन के हिसाब से दी जा रही 86 50रुपये की राशि को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री, साथ में जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री मनुभाई कोटाड़िया) : (क) जी, नहीं । दिपनि. के अधीन प्रचालन करने वाले निजी बस प्रचालकों से दिपनि.की हड़ताल का कोई नोटिस प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है । दि.पनि. ने इस बात की पुष्टि की है कि वे निजी बस प्रचालकों को, उनके साथ किए गए समझौते की शर्तों के अनुसार, पूरा भुगतान कर रहे हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Discriminatory Saudi laws for Indian nationals

811 SHRI N. E BALARAM.
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware that Saudi Arabia has different laws for giving compensation to Indian nationals who die in that country while on job and the Indian nationals belonging to different religions are given different amount of compensation:

(b) whether it is a fact that the parents of Late Mr. Sunil Vadhera, who died in an accident in Dammam near Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 1984 were paid reduced amount of compensation and that they

had appealed to the Government of India on October 8, 1990 to get the discrimination removed and the full compensation awarded; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard by Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) Legal system of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is based on Islamic Shariat which has been interpreted by the Shariat Court in Saudi Arabia to provide different death compensations on the basis of religion of the deceased.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has officially been taken up by Indian Embassy in Riyadh with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Establishing voice communication system in Gujarat

812. SHRI VITHALBHAI M PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for communication and proper interaction between farmers, farmers' organisations and the officers of water distribu ion and control centres of Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat, there is a proposal to establish Voice Communication System;

(b) whether it is also a fact that G.C.E.L. has furnished a detailed report to the authorities of the Ministry of Communications for establishing Voice Communication System;

(c) whether for establishing the above system a radio network in VHF 146—174 MHZ frequency band is proposed and for this purpose a 'No Objection Certificate' is sought for from the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India; and

(d) by when the Voice Communication Systems for Sardar Sarovar Project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHIR JAI PARKASH): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, a proposal from Narmada Planning Group, Government of Gujarat seeking 'No Objection' certificate for establishment of dedicated communication system has been received. This proposal is based on the feasibility report of the G.C E L. to Narmada Planning Group on their project for control, telemetry and communication system, envisaging establishment of communication system between villages (Service Area), operational centres and offices of project authorities. No poposal has been received directly by the Ministry of Communication from G C E.L. The frequency bands proposed for radio communications are 146—174 M Hz and 1.427—1 525 G Hz. A time frame of two years has been specified for establishment of communication links.

Mahatma Gandhi Park in Kanpur

813. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Mahatma Gandhi Park in Kanpur situated on the land of the Central Government and which is presently looked after by Government has been largely encoached upon;

(b) whether a number of representations have been made to Government for the protection of this Park in Kanpur in order to keep unpolluted environment in the area;

(c) whether no proper care has been taken in the matter; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The infomation is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.